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Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Are these employees given any guarantee of future service or are they merely temporary hands liable to be terminated at any time? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, the Government of India have been seriously considering whether these employees could not be made permanent servants and make the administration a permanent one also. The Government of India also propose to aid the State Government in the matter of any financial commitments by making them permanent."

Sri M. P. SUBRAMANYAM :—" கிராம சேவக்களில் 1, 2 பிரிவினர்கள் செய்யும் வேலைகள் ஒன்றாக இருக்கும்போது சம்பளத்தில் மாத்திரம் மாறுதல் இருக்கவேண்டிய அவசியம் என்ன? ஏன் ஒரே சம்பளமாக இருக்கக்கூடாது, அவர்கள் நான்கைந்து கிராமங்களில் சேவை செய்ய வேண்டியிருப்பதால் அவர்களுக்கு ஸைக்கிள்கள் வாங்கி அளிக்கப்படுமா? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" அவர்களுடைய யோக்கியதைக்குத் தக்கவாறு தான் முதலில் நியமிக்கப்படுகிறார்கள். இவர்களில் நன்றாக வேலை செய்யக்கூடியவர்களை முதல் கிரேடுக்குப் பிரமோஷன் செய்யப்படுகிறது. அவர்கள் நான்கைந்து கிராமங்களில்தான் வேலை செய்யவேண்டும். சைக்கிள் அவசியமாக இருந்தால் அதைப் பற்றியும் பரிசீலனை செய்யப்படும்."

Sri K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR :—" Is there disparity in the travelling allowance allowed to Gramasevaks employed in the Agricultural and the Revenue Departments? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" There may be a difference. But I do not have the information now."

Hospital for children in Madras City.

9-30 a.m. * 1664 *Q*.—Sri S. PAKKIRISAWMI PILLAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to open a separate hospital for children in the City of Madras; and

(*b*) if so, when?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

Sri S. PAKKIRISAWMI PILLAI :—" In view of the fact that there has been an abnormal increase in the number of child mortality cases in the City for the last two years, will the Government expedite the proposal to open a separate children's hospital in the City? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, we have got the Women and Children's Hospital at Egmore and the Kasturbha Gandhi Women and Children's Hospital at Triplicane. Also there are separate wards for children in other big hospitals. So, there is no immediate need for a separate children's hospital."

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MR. SPEAKER :—" We will take up the questions to be answered by the Hon. Minister for Religious Endowments and the Hon. Minister for Local Administration on the 30th instant."

State Insurance Scheme.

* 1666 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether the Government propose to extend the State Insurance Scheme to Malabar and if so, when? when?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" It is too early now to say when the scheme will be extended to Malabar. Attention is invited to my reply on the subject given on 21st December 1954 in answering a supplementary question put by the hon. Member."

Literacy Centres for Women in slum areas.

* 1668 *Q.*—SRI S. PAKKIRISAWMI PILLAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the number of Literacy Centres for Women run by the Women's Welfare Organization in the slums in the City of Madras?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Two, Sir."

SRI S. PAKKIRISAWMI PILLAI :—" What are the subjects taught in these centres and what is the amount spent for that purpose? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" In these centres, adult literacy classes are conducted for the members who are interested in learning how to read and write. The organizers are making all efforts to improve the attendance by encouraging the women to attend the classes. At present 15 members are attending the literacy classes in each of the three centres."

Rent Courts for North Malabar.

* 1669 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any requests from the Collector of Malabar or from the Kisan Council, Malabar, requesting for more Rent Courts in North Malabar; and

(*b*) if so, what action has been taken on such representation?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" (*a*) & (*b*) A representation was received from the Chirakkal Taluk Kisan Sangam for opening new Rent Courts at Taliparamba and Irukkur. The Collector of Malabar has reported that he is